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The undersigned herewith requests the Examiner to consider the art listed in the attached Disclosure Statement (PTO 1449) in examination of the above referenced U.S. patent application.

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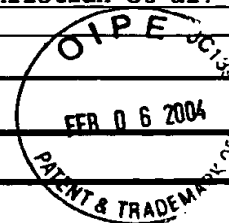
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